children of South Asian countries should be provided with equal, free and compulsory education. The entire responsibility for their food, accommodation, and living expenses should be that of the governments of these countries.

11. The Seminar calls upon all Governments in South Asia to ratify the ILO conventions on child labour and the UN Charter on the Rights of Child.

Supply of essential commodities to states

462. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the demand made by different State Governments for different kinds of foodgrains from Central pool during 1989-90 and the month-wise allocation made to those States;

(b) whether it is a fact that the State Governments have not been supplied different kinds of foodgrains according to their demand; and

(c) if so, the efforts made by Government to increase the allocation of foodgrains to different States in 1990-91?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) A Statement showing month-wise demand and allocation of rice and wheat to various States/UTs for PDS during 1989-90 (upto July) is attached. [*See* Appendix CLI Annexure No. 35].

(b) and (c) The allocations of foodgrains for PDS from the Central Pool, which are only supplemental in nature, are made on a month to month basis taking into account the stocks in the Central Pool, market availability, off-take trend, relative needs of States/UTs and other related factors.

Families displaced due to Paradeep fertilizers plant

463. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the approximate number of families displaced due to the establishment of a fertilizer plant at Paradeep in Orissa;

(b) the compensation given to the affected families;

(c) whether any step has been taken by the plant authorities to provide employment to the children of the affected families; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILISERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU) : (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha.

Production of aluminium by NALCO

464. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the total quantum of Aluminium being produced by NALCO per annum;

(b) the quantum of Aluminium exported every year;

(c) whether Government are making any efforts to increase the production and export of Aluminium;

(d) if so, the target set therefore during the Seventh Five Year Plan period; and

(e) the projection made for the Eighth Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF

MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD); (a) the production of Aluminium metal by National Aluminium Compnay Limited (NALCO) since the Company went into trial production in 1987-88 is as under;

(In Tonnes)

Year	Production
1987—1988	25,000
1988—1989	79,000
1989—1990 (Estimated)	135,000

(b) During 1988-89 about 15,000 tonnes of Aluminium metal was exported. During 1989-90 upto Jun '89 about 6,000 tonnes of Aluminium metal has already been exported.

(c) to (e) With the progressive increase in the production of aluminium metal by NALCO, the anticipated production of aluminium in 1989-90 i.e. the last year of the Seventh Plan will be 4.35,000 tonnes against which the estimated demand for the year will be in the range of 4,00,000—4,20,000 tonnes. While the projections for the Eighth Plan have not been firmed up, the country is expected to be surplus in aluminium metal during the next few years. The actual exports of aluminium will, however, depend upon various factor including indigenous demand and supply, international prices etc.

465. [*Transferred to the 27th July, 1989*]

Abnormal Increase in the price of Newsprint

466. SHRI CHITTA BASU : SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY ;

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state;

(a) whether the prices of newsprint have shown an abnormal rise:

(b) if so, what steps Governmen have taken to reduce the price; and

(c) whether Government propose to make a fresh review of the prices of newsprint in view of its adverse effects on newspaper Industry ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (PROF. K. K. TEWARY); (a) The price of indigenous newsprint has gone up from 28% to 40% compared to the prices prevailing in January, 1988 for 52 gsm newsprint. In the case of imported newsprint there has been increase from 1.9% to 8.3% compared to the previous quarter.

(b) Central Government does not exercise any statutory control on the price of indigenous newsprint The mills have revised the prices of indigenous newsprint on their own, reportedly to meet the increasing cost of production and to maintain financial viability. The price of imported newsprint is governed by international market trends and other relevat factors. The price of imported newsprint is fixed by a Committee in which the newspaper industry is adequately represented.

(c) There is no such proposal under consideration.

Memorandum from All Party Delegation of West Bengal Legislative Assembly regarding supply of Foodgrains

467. SHRI CHITTA BASU; Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state;

(a) whether an all-Party delegation from the West Bengal Legislative Assembly recently met the Minister to place a memorandum regarding the supply of foodgrains through the Public Distribution System:

(b) if so, the principal demands of the delegation: and